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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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FOR BEIRUT AND MADRID PLEASE PASS PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT
CONDOLENCES TO AMB DAVIES' FAMILY

FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 6658 ACTION DEPT INFO NICOSIA AUGUST 19TH

QUOTE

UNCLAS ANKARA 66580

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SUBJ: CYPRUS

1. UPON HEARING THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIES HAD BEEN
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, FONMIN HAD HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE EMBASSY
TO INQUIRE AND EXPRESS HIS CONCERN. SOON THEREAFTER PRIMIN
CALLED ME TO INQUIRE ABOUT AMBASSADOR DAVIES. BY THEN WE KNEW
HE HAD DIED. PRIMIN ASKED THAT HIS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES BE EXTENDED
TO THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND AMBASSADOR DAVIES'
FAMILY.

2. MANY OF US IN THIS EMBASSY HAVE BEEN RODGER'S FRIENDS
FOR YEARS. THERE WAS NO ONE, I THINK, WITH WHOM WE LIVED
THROUGH MORE PROBLEMS AND CRISES, AND THE ADMIRATION WE HAD
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ALWAYS FELT FOR HIM GREW EVEN STRONGER DURING THESE RECENT

DAYS. IN THIS LATEST PERIOD OF STRAIN AND DISAPPOINTMENT,
IT WAS EXTRAORDINARILY COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT WE HAD SUCH A
CALM, INDEFATIGABLE AND RESOURCEFUL PROFESSIONAL AT OUR SIDE.
IRONICALLY, THE LAST THING WE SAID TO AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERMAN
DEPARTING LAST NIGHT FOR CYPRUS, WAS "TELL RODGER FOR ALL OF US,
WE THINK HE IS DOING A HELL OF A JOB."
MACOMBER
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